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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing supplementary weighting for school district
2 transportation costs and including applicability provisions.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 257.8, subsection 2, Code 2020, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. *Categorical state percent of growth.* The categorical
4 state percent of growth for the budget year beginning July 1,
5 2017, is one and eleven hundredths percent. The categorical
6 state percent of growth for the budget year beginning July 1,
7 2018, is one percent. The state percent of growth for the
8 budget year beginning July 1, 2019, is two and six hundredths
9 percent. The categorical state percent of growth for each
10 budget year shall be established by statute which shall
11 be enacted within thirty days of the transmission of the
12 governor's budget required by February 1 under [section 8.21](#)
13 during the regular legislative session beginning in the base
14 year. The categorical state percent of growth may include
15 state percents of growth for the teacher salary supplement, the
16 professional development supplement, the early intervention
17 supplement, and the teacher leadership supplement, ~~and for~~
18 ~~budget years beginning on or after July 1, 2020, transportation~~
19 ~~equity aid payments under [section 257.16C](#).~~

20 Sec. 2. Section 257.11, Code 2020, is amended by adding the
21 following new subsection:

22 NEW SUBSECTION. 7A. *School district transportation costs.*

23 a. In order to provide additional funds for school district
24 transportation costs resulting from the transportation of
25 resident pupils required by chapter 285 and paid from sources
26 other than the district's physical plant and equipment levy
27 fund under section 298A.4 or revenue received from the secure
28 an advanced vision for education fund under section 423F.2,
29 subsection 3, paragraph "a", a supplementary weighting plan for
30 such pupils is adopted.

31 b. Each school district shall be assigned a supplementary
32 weighting amount as follows:

33 (1) For the budget year beginning July 1, 2020, thirty
34 percent of the combined weighting amount calculated under
35 paragraph "c", subparagraph (2), for that budget year.

1 (2) For the budget year beginning July 1, 2021, forty
2 percent of the combined weighting amount calculated under
3 paragraph "c", subparagraph (2), for that budget year.

4 (3) For the budget year beginning July 1, 2022, fifty
5 percent of the combined weighting amount calculated under
6 paragraph "c", subparagraph (2), for that budget year.

7 (4) For the budget year beginning July 1, 2023, sixty
8 percent of the combined weighting amount calculated under
9 paragraph "c", subparagraph (2), for that budget year.

10 (5) For the budget year beginning July 1, 2024, seventy
11 percent of the combined weighting amount calculated under
12 paragraph "c", subparagraph (2), for that budget year.

13 (6) For the budget year beginning July 1, 2025, eighty
14 percent of the combined weighting amount calculated under
15 paragraph "c", subparagraph (2), for that budget year.

16 (7) For the budget year beginning July 1, 2026, ninety
17 percent of the combined weighting amount calculated under
18 paragraph "c", subparagraph (2), for that budget year.

19 (8) For the budget year beginning July 1, 2027, and each
20 succeeding budget year, one hundred percent of the combined
21 weighting amount calculated under paragraph "c", subparagraph
22 (2), for that budget year.

23 c. (1) (a) *Transportation cost factor.* For each budget
24 year beginning on or after July 1, 2020, the department of
25 management shall calculate for each school district all of the
26 following:

27 (i) The sum of the school district's total transportation
28 costs incurred for the transportation of pupils required under
29 chapter 285, and paid from sources other than the district's
30 physical plant and equipment levy fund under section 298A.4
31 or revenue received from the secure an advanced vision for
32 education fund under section 423F.2, subsection 3, paragraph
33 "a", for the three years immediately preceding the base year.

34 (ii) The sum of the school district's regular program
35 district cost for the three years immediately preceding the

1 base year, excluding amounts attributable to budget adjustments
2 received under section 257.14.

3 (iii) The school district's budget enrollment multiplied by
4 the quotient of the school district's amount under subparagraph
5 subdivision (i) divided by the school district's amount under
6 subparagraph subdivision (ii).

7 (iv) The school district's amount under subparagraph
8 subdivision (iii) divided by the sum of the amounts calculated
9 under subparagraph subdivision (iii) for all school districts.

10 (v) The amount calculated under subparagraph subdivision
11 (iv) multiplied by ninety percent of the sum of all school
12 districts' transportation costs incurred for the transportation
13 of pupils required under chapter 285 for the year preceding
14 the base year and paid from sources other than the districts'
15 physical plant and equipment levy fund under section 298A.4
16 or revenue received from the secure an advanced vision for
17 education fund under section 423F.2, subsection 3, paragraph
18 "a".

19 (vi) The quotient of the amount calculated under
20 subparagraph subdivision (v) divided by the regular program
21 state cost per pupil for the budget year.

22 (b) *Budget enrollment factor.* For each budget year
23 beginning on or after July 1, 2020, the department of
24 management shall calculate for each school district all of the
25 following:

26 (i) The quotient of the school district's budget enrollment
27 divided by the statewide total budget enrollment multiplied by
28 five percent of the sum of all school districts' transportation
29 costs incurred for the transportation of pupils required under
30 chapter 285 for the year preceding the base year and paid from
31 sources other than the district's physical plant and equipment
32 levy fund under section 298A.4 or revenue received from the
33 secure an advanced vision for education fund under section
34 423F.2, subsection 3, paragraph "a".

35 (ii) The amount calculated under subparagraph subdivision

1 (i) divided by the regular program state cost per pupil for the
2 budget year.

3 (c) *Route miles factor.* For each budget year beginning
4 on or after July 1, 2020, the department of management shall
5 calculate for each school district all of the following:

6 (i) The quotient of the school district's total route
7 miles traveled for the transportation of pupils required under
8 chapter 285 for the year preceding the base year divided by the
9 school district's budget enrollment.

10 (ii) The school district's amount under subparagraph
11 subdivision (i) divided by the sum of the amounts calculated
12 under subparagraph subdivision (i) for all school districts.

13 (iii) The amount calculated under subparagraph subdivision
14 (ii) multiplied by five percent of the sum of all school
15 districts' transportation costs incurred for the transportation
16 of pupils required under chapter 285 for the year preceding
17 the base year and paid from sources other than the districts'
18 physical plant and equipment levy fund under section 298A.4
19 or revenue received from the secure an advanced vision for
20 education fund under section 423F.2, subsection 3, paragraph
21 "a".

22 (iv) The amount calculated under subparagraph subdivision
23 (iii) divided by the regular program state cost per pupil for
24 the budget year.

25 (2) The combined weighting amount for each school district
26 is the sum of the following:

27 (a) The amount calculated under subparagraph (1),
28 subparagraph division (a), subparagraph subdivision (vi).

29 (b) The amount calculated under subparagraph (1),
30 subparagraph division (b), subparagraph subdivision (ii).

31 (c) The amount calculated under subparagraph (1),
32 subparagraph division (c), subparagraph subdivision (iv).

33 d. Funding received by a school district as the result of
34 supplementary weighting under this subsection shall not affect
35 a school district's eligibility for transportation assistance

1 under section 257.31, subsection 17.

2 *e.* Amounts received by a school district as the result
3 of supplementary weighting under this subsection shall be
4 deposited in the school district's general fund and may be used
5 for any general fund purpose.

6 *f.* If a school district established as the result of a
7 reorganization under chapter 275 does not have sufficient
8 transportation cost data, regular program district cost per
9 pupil data, or enrollment data for the calculation of amounts
10 required under this subsection, the department of management
11 shall use estimated transportation cost data, regular program
12 district cost per pupil data, and enrollment data derived from
13 data for prior budget years from each district involved in
14 the reorganization until such amounts can be calculated using
15 actual data for the reorganized school district.

16 *g.* For the budget years beginning July 1, 2020, July 1,
17 2021, and July 1, 2022, and if necessary, any subsequent budget
18 years, if insufficient or incomplete transportation cost data
19 makes the implementation of this subsection impractical, the
20 department of management shall, in consultation with the
21 department of education and the legislative services agency,
22 establish procedures and modified methodologies for calculating
23 supplementary weighting and funding amounts under this
24 subsection.

25 Sec. 3. Section 257.11, subsection 8, Code 2020, is amended
26 to read as follows:

27 8. *Pupils ineligible.* A Except for transportation weighting
28 under subsection 7A, a pupil eligible for the weighting plan
29 provided in section 256B.9 is not eligible for supplementary
30 weighting pursuant to this section unless it is determined
31 that the course generating the supplemental weighting has no
32 relationship to the pupil's disability. A pupil attending an
33 alternative program or an at-risk pupils' program, including
34 alternative high school programs, is not eligible for
35 supplementary weighting under subsection 2.

1 Sec. 4. Section 257.31, subsection 17, paragraphs a and d,
2 Code 2020, are amended to read as follows:

3 a. If a district's average transportation costs per
4 pupil exceed the state average transportation costs per
5 pupil determined under paragraph "c" by one hundred fifty
6 percent, the committee may grant transportation assistance aid
7 to the district using exclusively the funds transferred to
8 the committee in accordance with section 321.34, subsection
9 22. Such aid shall be miscellaneous income and shall not be
10 included in district cost.

d. Funds transferred to the committee in accordance with section 321.34, subsection 22, are appropriated to and may be expended for the purposes of the committee, as described in this ~~section~~ subsection. However, highest priority shall be given to districts that meet the conditions described in this subsection. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Code, unencumbered or unobligated funds transferred to the committee pursuant to section 321.34, subsection 22, remaining on June 30 of the fiscal year for which the funds were transferred, shall not revert but shall be available for expenditure for the purposes of this subsection in subsequent fiscal years.

22 Sec. 5. REPEAL. Section 257.16C, Code 2020, is repealed.

23 Sec. 6. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to school budget
24 years beginning on or after July 1, 2020.

EXPLANATION

26 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
27 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

28 This bill establishes a supplementary weighting plan
29 for school district transportation costs resulting from the
30 transportation of pupils as required under Code chapter 285.

31 The bill establishes a methodology for calculating the
32 amount of supplementary weighting assigned to each school
33 district. The calculation is made using school district
34 transportation cost data, school district enrollment data,
35 and school district transportation route mile data. The

1 amount of the supplementary weighting is phased in over a
2 period of eight school budget years beginning with the budget
3 year beginning July 1, 2020. Under the bill, if a school
4 district established as the result of a reorganization does not
5 have sufficient data for the calculation of amounts required
6 under the bill, the department of management is required to
7 use estimated data derived from data for prior budget years
8 from each district involved in the reorganization until such
9 amounts can be calculated using actual data for the reorganized
10 school district. In addition, for specified budget years,
11 if insufficient or incomplete transportation cost data makes
12 the implementation of the bill impractical, the department
13 of management is required to, in consultation with the
14 department of education and the legislative services agency,
15 establish procedures and modified methodologies for calculating
16 supplementary weighting and funding amounts under the bill.

17 The bill specifies that funding received by a school
18 district as the result of supplementary weighting in the
19 bill does not affect a school district's eligibility for
20 transportation funding under Code section 257.16C or assistance
21 granted by the school budget review committee and specifies
22 that transportation assistance granted by the school budget
23 review committee may only be granted using funds transferred to
24 the committee in accordance with Code section 321.34(22). The
25 bill also provides that funding received by a school district
26 as the result of the supplementary weighting must be deposited
27 in the school district's general fund and may be used for any
28 general fund purpose.

29 The bill repeals the transportation equity program and fund
30 under Code section 257.16C.

31 The bill applies to school budget years beginning on or after
32 July 1, 2020.